

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION

DAVID ALLEN IPPOLITO,)	
)	3: 11-cv-00676-PK
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
JOE DeCAMP,)	ORDER
)	
Defendant.)	

MOSMAN, District Judge.

Plaintiff seeks a "Temporary Injunction on the above matter cruel and unusual punishment for the remainder of [his sentence] so no state employee that acts under the color of law can do further harm." Petition for Temporary Injunction [28].

To obtain preliminary injunctive relief in the Ninth Circuit, a party must meet one of two alternative tests.¹ Under the

¹Notably, the standards for issuance of a temporary restraining order are at least as exacting as those for a

"traditional" standard, preliminary relief may be granted if the court finds: (1) the moving party will suffer irreparable injury if the preliminary relief is not granted; (2) the moving party has a likelihood of success on the merits; (3) the balance of potential harm favors the moving party; and 4) the advancement of the public interest favors granting injunctive relief. Burlington N.R.R. v. Department of Revenue, 934 F.2d 1064, 1084 (9th Cir. 1991).

Under the alternative test, the moving party may meet the burden by showing either (1) probable success on the merits and the possibility of irreparable injury, or (2) that serious questions are raised and the balance of hardships tips sharply in the moving party's favor. Id.; Associated Gen. Contractors of Cal., Inc. v. Coalition for Economic Equity, 950 F.2d 1401, 1410 (9th Cir. 1991), cert. denied, 503 U.S. 985 (1992). "These two formulations represent two points on a sliding scale in which the required degree of irreparable harm increases as the probability of success decreases." Prudential Real Estate Affiliates v. PPR Realty, Inc., 204 F.3d 867, 874 (9th Cir. 2000).

Here, plaintiff's request for injunctive relief is impermissibly vague. The Court can only speculate as to what action plaintiff would have the Court take and what "harm" he hopes to avoid. Accordingly, plaintiff's motion for injunctive relief is

preliminary injunction. Los Angeles Unified Sch. Dist. v. United States Dist. Court for the Cent. Dist. of Cal., 650 F.2d 1004, 1008 (9th Cir. 1981).

denied without prejudice on the basis that he has failed to demonstrate a likelihood of success on the merits. 18 U.S.C. § 3626(a)(2) (providing that preliminary injunctive relief in civil action with respect to prison conditions must be narrowly drawn); Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc., 129 S.Ct. 365, 374 (2008) (plaintiff seeking preliminary injunction must demonstrate that he is likely to succeed on the merits); Marlyn Nutraceuticals, Inc. v. Mucas Pharma GmbH & Co., 571 F.3d 873, 879 (9th Cir. 2009) (mandatory injunction, which goes beyond maintaining the status quo, is particularly disfavored).

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, plaintiff's Motion [28] is DENIED without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 11th day of April, 2012.

/s/ Michael W. Mosman
Michael W. Mosman
United States District Judge